The Mat-Su Monitor

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$10,000. Going... going... going...

Every year each students at MSCC contributes 3 or 6 dollars to the "activity fund" administered by the Student Government Council.

Last year's student government left apporximately $5,100 in this fund. This semester $3,400 was collected in activity fees, and another $3,000 is expected next semester. This gives about $10,000 to spend.

The council members are soliciting ideas from the people in the school. Suggestions have included: a student microwave, computer equipment, photography equipment, a giant party, art decorations for the cafeteria, some sort of (free maybe) food service for the cafeteria, or maybe your idea.

If you do have an idea how you would like to see the money spent, either show up at one of the meetings or contact one of the people listed below.

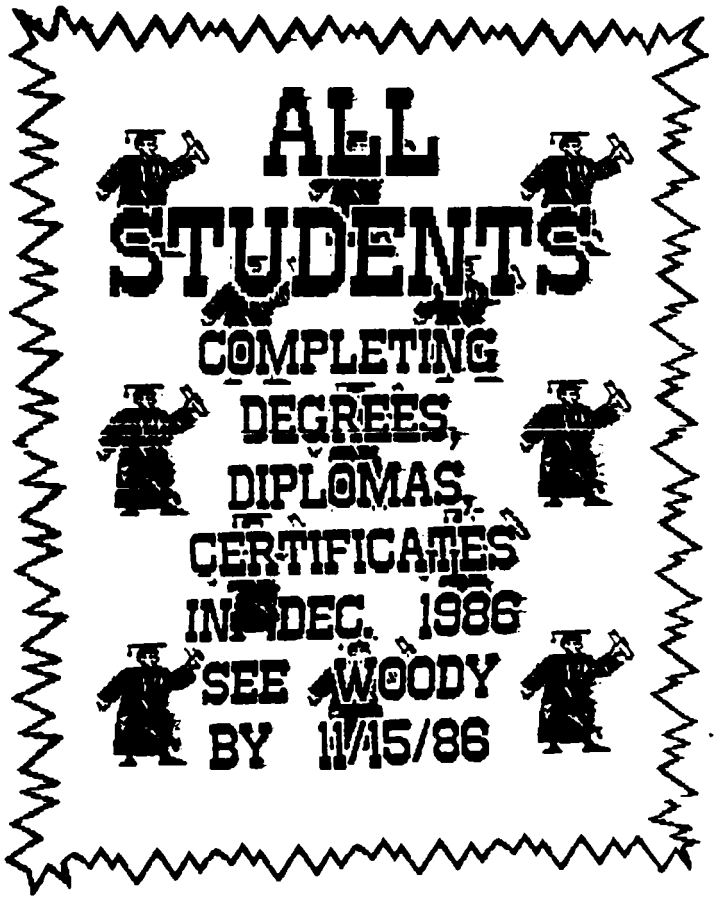
Student Government Council Officers:

President- Timothy David Smith
Vice President- Susan Schmidt
Secretary- Bonnie L. Battles
Treasurer- Karla Dodson-Friemuth

Represenatives- Richard Barge
Kathy Hough
Leonard Peck
Katy Luther
YOU?

"That's a nice bunch of names, but who are they?"

If you don't know these people, all you have to do is stick a note on the "Student Mail Board" just outside the computer room. It might be a good idea to check for your name there too!



MUGSHOTS!

ID cards are available through the end of this week in the business office near the front entrance (where you paid for your classes). There is no fee for the first card, retakes (if you lose the first one) will cost you $5.

SO WHAT? What good is an activity card? I know who I am and I am perfectly able to tell someone who I am and where to get off, if necessary.

Well, for starters some businesses give discounts for students.

And...! Verbal agreements have been made over the course of weeks, between the president of the Student Government Council and the presidents of the Anchorage campuses, APU, UAA, and ACC.

You should be treated similar to an ACC student if you show up with your picture ID at any function or facility in Anchorage. If you should have any problems with people telling you otherwise please contact the Student Government President Timothy David so the problem can be worked out.

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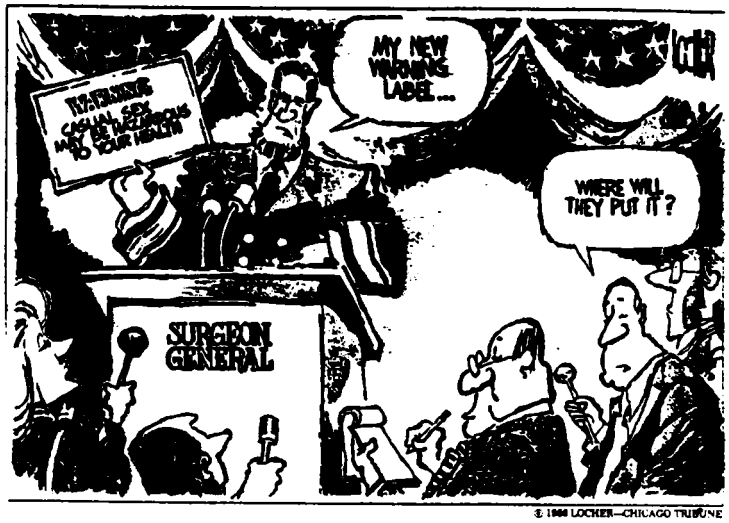
This isn't like last year's paper, what happened to the old Mat-Su Monitor?

If you guess buget cuts then you got it.

The University was forced to cut the part-time instructor that functioned as the paper's coordinator. This paper was put together entirely by a student.

The Student Government Council budgeted money to pay for the printing costs, but funding a part-time faculty salary is out of the question. Cuts have got to be made and apparently this is one we will have to live with.

If you have something to ad to, or would like to help with a possible future edition, please contact Timothy David.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MY NEW WARNING LABEL...
WHERE WILL THEY PUT IT?
SURGEON GENERAL
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I WANT YOU!!!

The Student Government Council is looking for a few good peoples to hold the student represenitive positions. A represenitive is a full voting member according to the Student Government Council Charter.

Any part or full time student is eligible to be a represenitve. All that you have to do to is show an intrest in the affairs of the council, and the president will appoint you.

Meetings are every Monday at 12:30. Everyone is welcome to attend.

NO CAFETERIA

The end of September a sign appeared in the hall that the cafeteria would be opening on November third. Echoing somone's confidence in the system was scribbled at the bottom "HA!"

According to the business office there will be no cafeteria this semester. apparently the non-profit group that was going to provide the service will not be taking the contract.

This leaves MSCC students, faculty, and staff standing in the hall eating chocolate bars, rubber cookies, with no coffee most of the time due to the machine breaking down. That is assuming somone would want to pay 40 cents for a cup of coffee. When will the catereria open again? I believe the answer to that is as elusive as when "When are we gonna get some snow this year?" (If we do.)

"In a very Christian way, as far as I'm concerned, he can go to hell."
JIMMY CARTER, *on the Rev. Jerry Falwell*

Termites

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Plug the holes—
Apply for a
Student Government
Scholarship
Financial Aid Office
Deadline: 11/18/86

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THE GOOD NEWS IS.. IT'S MEATLOAF.. THE BAD NEWS YOU DON'T EVEN WANT TO HEAR..
Cafeteria
January?
Phil Frank
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NEED MONEY?

The following are the qualifcations for the Student Government scholarship:

"Mat-Su Community College Student Government is offering scholar-ships for the 1986/1987 school year.

To be eligible for a scholarship a student must be attending M.S.C.C. or be a transfer student as of the application deadline, and have a grade point average of 3.0 or above. These are the qualified applicants, and from these, students will be selected based on financial need.

There will be three (3) full-time and three (3) part-time scholarships awarded, with the remaindeer of the ($2,160) being distributed as the (selection) commitee sees fit.

Applications are to be submitted to Barb Carney no later than November 18, 1986."

On Friday October 31, Donald O'Dowd, President of the University of Alaska presented in a speech a plan to restructure the entire university system. The plan would in effect eliminate the community colleges and put in their place extensions of the main campuses at Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Juneau.

MSCC would in effect become "building MS" of the Anchorage based campus. The letter on the following page was wrtitten by the faculty of MSCC in response to the speech, and because of its excellent content and wording has been officially endorsed by the MSCC Student Government Council.

These and other concerns were expressed at a teleconference by Barb Mischler, Ted Berry, John Rogers, and Timothy David. And in Anchorage, before President O'Dowd, by Jim Gonski, Roger Noe, and Timothy David.

"I hope you never have to drive a truck."
Teamsters union president JACKIE PRESSER, *presenting an honorary membership to Sylvester Stallone*

Danger

if the proposed Restructuring goes through there will be

No Community Colleges

Roger Noe's response to this plan that would in effect eliminate the community colleges and leave only the four-year universities intact was something like this:

This is a public institution and supposedly a democracy where majority rules, wouldn't it be interesting, and even ironic if the majority decided to eliminate the four-year universities, and fund instead ONLY the community colleges.

A copy of Presidents O'Dowd's speech is available on the bulletin board by the coffee machine, or your own copy may be obtained via the UCAN VAX.

"What we are doing is committing racial suicide."
PAT ROBERTSON, *on the "depopulation" of Western nations by abortion*

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a years ago today.....

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U of A President Inspects "Real Gem"

Donald O'Dowd, new president of Alaskan colleges, ame to MSCC Nov. 1st and ıd to meet with staff, ıculty, administration, ıd students. He commented ıat MSCC is a beautiful ıcility, a "real gem", ıe of the nicest in the ;ate. When asked about ıe future of MSCC, he ıid, as the population ı the valley grows, the ɔllege will naturally ;ow, too. There will be broader choice of ɔurses and more vocation- l work in the community ɔllege. He doesn't fore- ;e MSCC becoming a four ;ar college in the next 5 years or beyond, as ıe state cannot support ɔre than the three four ;ar colleges we already ıve.

As to how community ɔlleges in Alaska com- ıre with those in the ɔwer 48, O'Dowd said ıey are "tiny" in com- ıarison. O'Dowd came to ; from the State Univ- ;sity System of New York, ıere over 380,000 stud- ıts are enrolled as ɔmpared to 33,000 among laska's fourteen campuses. ; says there are more ıll time students in New ɔrk than here.

O'Dowd came to Alaska ecause, he said, "It is ere". He was intrigued y its newness and the ɔportunity to do new ıings without the trad- tion and bureaucracy he aced in New York. Also, he was drawn by the growth and resources of Alaska and the money the state is willing to spend on education. So far, he has not had time to set specific goals for Alaskan community colleges, including MSCC, but would like to see more sharing of resources among rural colleges. He sees more use of technology, wiring computers and telephones into one system for use in remote areas in the next years.

O'Dowd said Alaskan colleges' use of the tele-communications is unique to Alaska; no other state uses it.

Commenting on the credit-transfer problem between two and four year colleges in Alaska, O'Dowd said, "it was a complicated problem which he was optimistic would be solved in the coming year."

If students want to influence or change something at MSCC, they should feel free to talk with administration and staff at the college.

After leaving MSCC Friday, O'Dowd headed for Ketchikan Community College. After his visit to Ketchikan, he will have fulfilled his goal of visiting all the community colleges in Alaska this fall.

In a meeting with the student government and other concerned students, President O'Dowd asked for specific case studies to be compiled of all grievances. Transfer of credit, part time status at Anchorage colleges and MSCC are but two types of the many problems faced by MSCC students. Grievances should be in writing and deposited in the student government mailbox at the registration desk. Students are urged to submit their complaints, as this constitutes an almost direct route to the president.

PATTERSON RESIGNS

Due to health reasons, student government president, Don Patterson, was forced to resign effective October 26th. Vice president, Valen Bair, will take over presidential duties and, at the last student government meeting Thom Dowell was appointed vice president.

Patterson will maintain his position on the governor's task force on budget and on the User Committee for the new three tier classroom building to be built during 1986-88.

"Student government has accomplished a lot", said Patterson, including the formation of the endowment fund which, he explained, is similar to Alaska's permanent fund where each graduating class would leave a "nest egg" for the future from whatever funds they had not used.

Patterson hopes to attend law school at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington next fall.

SPRING CLASSES SPRUNG

A variety of new classes ;ill be offered spring ;emester at MSCC, accord- ng to Dr. Massay, Dean of ıstruction. Following is

UAA will coordinate a 400 level social work class with MSCC on child welfare. This is an audio-conference class.

MSCC GETS 1.44%

Recently the University

to plan for a new 4.2

Faculty, staff and students at Matanuska-Susitna Community College understand the need to consolidate and economize during this time of severely reduced funds; however, under the currently proposed reorganization plan, we have some serious concerns.

1. Community colleges originally came into existence because universities and four-year-degree granting colleges were not meeting the needs of a large portion of our population. If community colleges in Alaska are to be administered by the university centers, won't the mission of the community colleges be lost in the process; and once again we'll disenfranchise a good segment of our population from working toward different educational goals than those offered by four-year institutions? The word <u>community</u> is the operative, most important word in all of the community colleges' titles. Our concern is that the proposed reorganization will so drastically alter that community concept as to dissolve it altogether. Community college students are primarily adults with families and jobs looking to upgrade vocational skills and pursue academic enrichment. They cannot easily relocate to a vocational center in Anchorage, as proposed in the reorganization plan.

2. Considering the magnitude of the reorganization plan and the number of people affected including both employees of the community colleges and members of the communities, we feel we have not been given enough time to evaluate the proposed plan, ask questions about our concerns and prepare proper testimony that clearly represents the feelings of our community.

We also have other, more specific concerns:

a. Will the proposed consolidation of accreditation of community colleges under the university umbrella result in community colleges' being reduced to mere satellite sites for the four-year university with poor libraries and poor services?

b. What will be the status of community college teachers under the new plan?

c. How many staff members need to relocate to find new jobs altogether under this plan?

d. To what extent will each campus have the autonomy to respond to demand for specific classes and services?

e. Will each campus be assured a certain amount of funding by line-item budgeting?

f. What administrative personnel will remain on each campus to respond in an immediate and daily fashion to local concerns from faculty, staff and students?

g. Since universities are evaluated on a different set of criteria than community colleges for accreditation, what effect will an umbrella accreditation have on the integrity of the local units to serve their communities as vocational, cultural and educational centers?

In short, there are too many unanswered questions and too little time to make a well-considered judgment on this proposed reorganization plan. We simply cannot condone a decision of this magnitude being made on such a short time frame.